



# Himes Herald

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"But blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD,  
whose confidence is in him."  
- Jeremiah 17:7

## Christmas 2005 Edition

This marks the one year anniversary of the Himes Herald. As I re-read the Himes Herald Christmas 2004 Edition I realize 2004 was a year of beginnings. It was the first year with Texas Instruments in Indianapolis, the first year of my match with Eric as my little brother, the first time owning a home, the start of our marriage and God establishing us together in a spiritual family with Every Nation Church. In comparison, 2005 was a year where God took each of the above items, built solid foundations and expanded His work.

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## Heart for the Nations

God continues to develop in us a heart for the nations. In 2005 we had the opportunity to travel and minister together in Africa for the first time as husband and wife. Also, here at home we have been fortunate to develop relationships with international students this year. In addition to Kudzie who you heard from in the last Himes Herald, we developed several friendships with other students in Indianapolis. Not only do we host students in our home but they invite us to their apartments and favorite restaurants as they proudly share their culture and customs. Until God takes us overseas our heart is to reach out to those international students He has brought to our doorstep who have little or no local family and friends to share their lives with.



Scott, Courtney & Hsuan (Taiwan) at our church's International Student Thanksgiving Dinner

## 2005 in Review

The author of Psalm 102 talks about how our days are like the evening shadow, emphasizing how quickly they pass by. This is true and it always reminds us to make the most of every moment God has given us. Here are a few of the events in 2005:

- Late Feb**-two week mission trip to Uganda, Africa.
- Late March**-Scott & Eric celebrate one year of their match.
- Early May**-Scott, Courtney & Eric run (actually they mostly walk) in their first mini-marathon.
- Early June**- Courtney moves to her new salon.
- June**-Shelley and Adam get engaged!
- Early July**-Scott's parents move to Missouri and Shelley moves in with us.
- Late July**-trip to Cedar Point w/ good friends Brent & Mary.
- Early Aug**- Trip to Colorado & Texas for weddings of Courtney's friend Mindi and our friends Monte & Jill.
- Early Sept**- Trip to Colorado for Giancarlo and Dulcinea's wedding and see our good friends Russ & Julie.
- Oct 30**-Celebrated our 1 year anniversary!
- Early Nov**-Fort Wayne for Courtney's friend Abby's wedding.

## Little Brother Eric?

Most people reading this know Scott has a sister Shelley, and sometime see reference to his little brother Eric. For those that don't know, Eric is a 14 year old, 8th grader at Westfield Middle School that Scott was matched up with in 2004 through Big Brothers Big Sisters. Eric has become a part of our family and you will often find him traveling around Indy with us or at our house for Bible study, doing homework, eating dinner or playing video



Eric and Scott hiking & camping this past October at Hoosier National Forest



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## **Two Are Better Than One**

This year as we've spent time with friends, family and attended weddings it has made me think about what the Bible says in Ecclesiastes 4:9 "Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their work." The author then goes on and talks about how two people can help each other if one falls down, or keep each other warm in the cold, or more easily defend themselves against attackers. There is much wisdom in this passage. God did not create us to live life alone. Even people who are naturally introverted and would choose to spend time alone vs. in a big group (like myself) were created with a need for relationships. All of us need others to lean on, confide in and celebrate with. Let me

encourage you to recognize how God created you, be vulnerable and open your life to others.

The very last sentence in this passage from Ecclesiastes says "A cord of three strands is not quickly broken." For the longest time I did not understand why the author after spending 10 lines talking about two people put this line about three people. Then God revealed to me that the third person is Him. Relationships are wonderful and can do much to help us in the journey of life. However, I know from personal experience that the relationships where God is present are much richer, deeper and more fruitful than relationships without God. Be it a marriage, friendship or family relationship, if God is present then the rewards and impact on the people involved will be much greater!